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by **countrycake** » Sat Jul 19, 2014 2:39 pm

On SOTS this morning Brian Matthew played Lyn Roman's version of Just A Little Lovin' and implied it was the original version and referred to Dusty's as a cover. We know that Dusty's version was recorded in September 1968. Paul Howes refers to its first release as being as the B-side of SOAPM in the US in the week ended 9 November 1968.

Lyn Roman's version was issued in the US in October 1968 as the B-side of a single:

<http://www.45cat.com/record/4517148> (<http://www.45cat.com/record/4517148>)

When the single was issued in the UK in December 1968 the disc was flipped and Just A Little Lovin' became the A-side:

<http://www.45cat.com/record/dot114> (<http://www.45cat.com/record/dot114>)

Here's a link to a You Tube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9fba0amaAQ> (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9fba0amaAQ>)

Further digging established that it didn't matter whether Dusty's or Lyn's version was the earlier as someone else had released it before either of them.

Lana Cantrell issued the song as the B-side of a single in the US in May 1968 on RCA Victor 47-9526. Here's a link to the 45.com page which has a You Tube video:

<http://www.45cat.com/record/479526> (<http://www.45cat.com/record/479526>)

These two earlier versions were news to me.

There was another Dusty connection to the Lana Cantrell single. Its A-side was originally a song in German with English lyrics by Mike Hawker.

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Re: Just A Little Lovin' (Early In The Morning) (#p156936)

by **memphisinlondon** » Sun Jul 20, 2014 12:35 am

Hi countrycake,

I have this Lyn Roman track on the original vinyl album titled 'The Greatest Roman of Them All'. The album also includes The Look of Love and Knowing When to Leave as well as Natural Woman and Little Apples- all very popular songs at the time and that means there are three songs that are linked to Dusty. It's a very well produced album (in a sort of Bacharach style) that really ought to have done good things for Lyn but i don't know if the album was a hit or not. I like her version of Just a Little Lovin' and I liked the album so much I ended up importing it via ebay after only having a low grade mp3 download to listen to. The album reminds me a little of 'Dusty in Memphis' because it's so well put together. I wonder if there is a link. Everybody would have known that there was something special happening around Dusty and so maybe this was a time for launching a few Dusty style rivals. Anyway, it's a good album if you can track it down.

Lyn Roman recorded earlier under the name of Linda Griner for Motown. The only track I have is 'Goodbye Cruel Love' which is sometimes featured on Northern Soul compilations.

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